

VILLAGE OF MCLEAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

President Hammel called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00PM. Wille, Kirby, Gordon, VanDyke, Loercher and Page (Via Zoom) all present. List of other attendees attached.

MONTHLY MINUTES-VanDyke-Motion to accept January 8th regular meeting minutes as well as January 23rd Special Meeting minutes. Gordon-2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS- \$30,692.22 currently in Business Development Fund. This is after the \$16,000 granted last month. VanDyke-motion to approve monthly bills as presented. Gordon-2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

OLYMPIA REFERENDUM- Laura O'Donnel on behalf of Olympia District #16. On March ballot, there will be 2 questions regarding a tax swap. Voting "yes" will not increase your taxes. Would only be moving money from TORT, SS, and IMFR to Education/Operations Maintenance. If "no" vote, projects will be delayed, and will have to look at working cash bonds.

PUBLIC IMPUT-Sandra Sheldon-Rt 66 Trailhead Detail? Hammel stated the Village agreed to work with McLean Co Hwy -Rt 66 Dept. Looking like possibly paving city road, possible parking lot/pavilion on the North 4 lots currently for sale by the Village next to the gas station. Still in planning phase. Tim Walsh, IL Rt 66 Association-read statement regarding historical importance of Highways. Request the board work with the CORE and vote "no" on tearing down.

POLICE- Axon cameras have arrived-waiting for APN's for cameras to communicate. Install will be done in town at the Village garage. Unit 16 was sent back to Peoria with issues. Batteries would drain if unit sat. Chief hoping that this is now fixed. Phone upgrades are put on hold, as locked into contract until June 2025. Sgt. Miller has spoken with several residents about cleaning up areas.

PUBLIC WORKS-All Christmas decorations have been taken down. All sewer inspections have been completed. Village got the jetter purchased back in mid-January. Received new machine to test water. Samples are taken 1x per week. Greg working with Rural Water on response letter to EPA and what they are wanting. Arsenic was 8.06

DANGEROUS/UNSAFE BUILDINGS- 108 W Franklin-Trailer/Garage should be torn down within the next 30 days. Jenny will send a letter requesting timeline to verify. 201 E Carlisle-hole in roof-Village will send a letter. 114 Park-Hardware store-lean to on the rear. Sheldon was given until the end of 2023 to amend the situation. Now asking until the end of July 2024. VanDyke requesting communication from Sheldon if this timeline cannot be met.

COMMUNITY GARDEN-Proposal emailed by CORE via Diane Ludy. VanDyke-motion to have McGrath draw up contract with CORE for 25 years at a rate of \$1.00/year as of March 1, 2024. CORE would carry

all liability insurance and maintain area, fence in area, and restore to former state if contract is cancelled. Wille-2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

RT 66 MURAL- After 3 local businesses declined, Paul Keyser agreed to allow McLean Co Travel Bureau to coordinate painting a mural on his grain bins. Troy Freeman is the artist and will begin Spring/Summer of 2024. All is paid for by grant money.

FOIA AND OMA OFFICER- Wille-motion to approve Pat McGrath as FOIA officer and approve change with removing Jenny Denham as current treasurer. VanDyke-2nd. All ayes. Motion Carried.

HIRING OF TREASURER- Denham can still do payroll and cut checks for bills. Dorsey from Packard and Associates can do reconciliations and month end items. Estimated cost to be \$300-\$400 per month and will continue for a few months. Denham is back on part-time and forgoing benefits. VanDyke-motion for Packard & Associates to do reconciliation and month end for 3 months, then re-evaluate at that time regarding filling the treasurer position. Kirby-2nd. Kirby, Wille, Page, VanDyke, Loercher-all ayes. Gordon-abstain. Motion carried.

TIF FUNDS-FIRE DEPT PARKING LOT- Looking at upgrading parking lot East of Fire Dept. Per Greg, at 6" thick concrete, looking at \$16,000 in material, with the Village doing the labor. Gordon-motion to approve up to \$28,000 for upgrading parking lot to concrete incase thicker amount of concrete is needed. VanDyke-2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.

DIGITAL SIGN BOARD-Looking at sign board on the square or possible location on 136 to post community messages and events. Hammel will talk with sign companies and get some numbers for next meeting.

MIGRANT BUS ORDINANCE- Per McGrath, he can create an ordinance, but most likely in the legal world, it would not hold up. McLean County does have protocols in place. McGrath will do whatever the board wants. Wille would like to pass on creating an ordinance, rather utilize McLean Co. protocols already in place. Will reach out to Cathy Beck with McLean County to see if they could some speak to the board.

CORE WATER TOWER QUESTIONS-Board compiled question for the CORE regarding the taking over of the water tower. 1. Secondary organization tot take over if the CORE dissolves? 2. Artist contract regarding paint? 3. Written statement from the man who said he would do the work for free on the tower? 4. Insurance contract including tower, land, and surrounding residents? 5. Proof funds available to maintain. Wille-motion to give CORE a lease of water tower and property with stipulation that the CORE will be taking all liability from the date the contract is signed and they have 24 months to complete mural/painting of tower. If not completed, ownership reverts back to the Village. VanDyke-2nd. Gordon, Page, Kirby-no. VanDyke, Loercher, Wille-yes. 3-3 tie. Hammel-yes. Motion carried.

LITWILLER CONTRACT-Tabled until CORE contract is completed.

FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER-Chief Belvry announced plans of retiring Nov/Dec of 2024. Would like the board to entertain the hiring of Sgt. Miller full time to give Chief time to train Miller before he leaves. Chief requests to speak in executive session.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS- Human Resources and Public Safety met prior to the regular meeting.

Loercher-Motion to move to executive session at 8:45PM to include Hammel, Billington, Page, VanDyke, Kirby, Wille, Gordon, Loercher, Mark McGrath, Sgt. Dylan Miller, and Chief Belvry regarding hiring of full-time officer. VanDyke-2nd. All ayes. Motion Carried.

9:43PM Entered back into regular meeting. Page, Gordon, Loercher, Kirby, Wille, VanDyke all present.

Gordon-motion to hire Sgt Dylan Miller as a full-time police officer effective March 2nd at a salary of \$78,000/year with benefits. VanDyke-2nd. Page, Kirby, Loercher, Gordon, VanDyke-ayes. Wille-abstain. Motion carried. Position accepted by Sgt. Miller.

Wille-motion to adjourn meeting at 9:46PM VanDyke-2nd. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ashley Billington

Village Clerk